

The Sabbath: A DAY OF **HEALING**

Luke 13:10-17

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 21, 2022
9:30 a.m.

ELW Setting 10

“Living God’s Love”

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GATHERING

* Please stand as you are able.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ⁺ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ⁺ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

*Gathering Song:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 858

*Greeting

D: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*Kyrie

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*Hymn of Praise

Glory Be to God

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*Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

R: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 103:1-8

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,**
and forget not all God's benefits—
³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
⁴**who redeems your life from the grave**
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

R: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

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P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

¹⁰Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment."

¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had

cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.”¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Borning Cry

No. 732

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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*Prayers of Intercession

D: Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

D: You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds. Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress especially Rachel, Justin, Steve Combs, John Siebert and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C: Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

D The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

No. 184

Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Eucharistic Prayer

*Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock

No. 862

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: The God of peace, Father, ⁺ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

How Firm a Foundation

No. 796

***Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of and thankfulness for Pastor Steve's installation at St. Matthew by Mary and Andy Dunham.

Memorial Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bob Horner, father of Carla, by Bob and Carla Maas.

Prayers for Healing: Rachel, Justin, Steve Combs, and John Siebert.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person and via livestream at 9:30 a.m. with *ELW Setting 10* liturgy and communion.

New Member Class - Following worship in the Brown Room.

Pastor Steve's Installation - 4:00 p.m. at St. Matthew with a potluck reception to follow.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person and via livestream at 9:30 a.m. with *Praise* liturgy and communion.

WORSHIP SERVANTS		
Date	Sunday August 21	Sunday August 28
Service	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Acolyte	Trevor Terihay	Evan Hogan
Reader	Delores Ivan	
Ushers	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan Bruce Reed	
Communion Assistants	Melody Costello Cindy Rickly	Christy Gabler
Sound	Joe Obermeier/Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier/ Larry Mohler
Video	Rex Rickly	Brian Harris
Altar Guild	Lisa Burke	

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 11
2022

Working together with our Cluster Churches*, we will be collecting items for 500 school bags for Lutheran World Relief.

Following our 11:00 worship service on September 11, head over to Zion, Valley City, for lunch. St. Matthew will be taking sides and salads. If you can help with that, there will be a sign-up in the narthex.

After lunch stay to help on the assembly line to put book bags together or make greeting cards for "Loads of Love".

Then, to the laundromat to help people with their laundry and to save their dollars.

The book bags will be taken to Jerusalem Lutheran, Seville, when they will have a truck parked and ready to head to Lutheran World Relief.

Items we, as a congregation, are donating:

1. 450 pairs of children's blunt scissors
2. 450 small pencil sharpeners
3. 400 #2 unsharpened pencils
4. 400 black or blue (no gel) ballpoint pens
5. Sides or salads for lunch on September 11.
6. Monetary donations toward fulfilling the items for the book bags, and for "Loads of Love" at the laundromat. (*Checks payable to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church - GWOH" on the memo line, or cash accepted.*)
7. And people, including children, who can help on the assembly line.

Keep an eye or an ear open for additional information.

*Cluster Churches: St. Matthew, Zion, Our Savior, Holy Trinity,
Living Word, and New Horizons.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve's Contact Information - Pastor Steve can be reached by email at pastorsteve@stmatthewmedina.org or by cell phone at 740-525-6149.

New Member Class - New member's classes will be held following the 9:30 worship service on August 21, 28, and September 4. Please contact Pastor Steve if you are interested in becoming a member of St. Matthew.

Altar Guild will have a meeting this Saturday, August 27, in the sanctuary, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Discussion will include all items that we need to accomplish by the end of the calendar year. Any questions, contact Sandy Andrews at 330-667-2858 or sandrews731@aol.com.

Promise Place has been on the market. We have had an open house, tours and some interest. Special thanks to Bruce Reed and the members that helped clean up for the showings.

Flour Barrel Fund (aka Pastor's Discretionary Fund) is running low. We are asking for contributions to this fund that is used to help those with a more immediate need, such as an extra night in a hotel, food, etc. Cash or checks (made out to St. Matthew) can be placed in the offering plate, mailed, or dropped off at the church office. Please make sure they are clearly marked for the Flour Barrel Fund.

LBW & Hymns and Songs for Church Schools Books are available to anyone that would like to add them to their home library (FREE). They are located in the Brown Room.

Luther Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, August 24. We will meet from 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. in the sanctuary. We encourage those who would like to join us to come to these rehearsals and be a part of our Luther Choir. We hope to see some new members beginning August 24.

Ice Cream Bar - We will wrap up our summer worship services with an ice cream bar following the Sunday, September 4 service. We are looking for donations of vanilla and chocolate ice cream, cones, and various ice cream toppings. If you're able to donate, you can sign up on the poster in the narthex and bring to church no later than September 1.

Bible & Brews - Weekly on Thursday, 7:00 p.m., at St. Matthew until our chosen venue, Four Paws, is available . We are studying the book of Acts. All are welcome!

Nautica Queen Sunset Cruise offered through Zion Lutheran Church, Sunday, September 18, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40. Reserve your space now. See fliers with complete details in the narthex.

VOLUNTEER AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Nominating Committee - The Personnel Committee is currently looking for individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee - a group of 5 people who meet under the leadership/guidance of our President-Elect and Pastor. They are tasked with identifying individuals from the congregation who would be willing to serve on St. Matthew's Executive Council and/or lead a Five Star Ministry Team for 2023. The commitment lasts about 4 months (fall-year end). Please prayerfully consider if you would like to serve St. Matthew in this way. If you have any questions or would like to serve, please contact Melody Costello, Rex Rickly, Melanie Brown or Barb Woodard, Personnel Director.

Nursery Assistants - The Personnel Committee is looking for several members of St. Matthew who would be willing to serve as an assistant in the nursery on a rotation. Our nursery attendant sometimes needs a couple extra hands. If you would be willing to serve as a Nursery Assistant for one service or during the Sunday School hour once every couple of months, contact the Personnel Director, Barb Woodard, at 330-321-2408 or barbwoodard.bw@gmail.com.

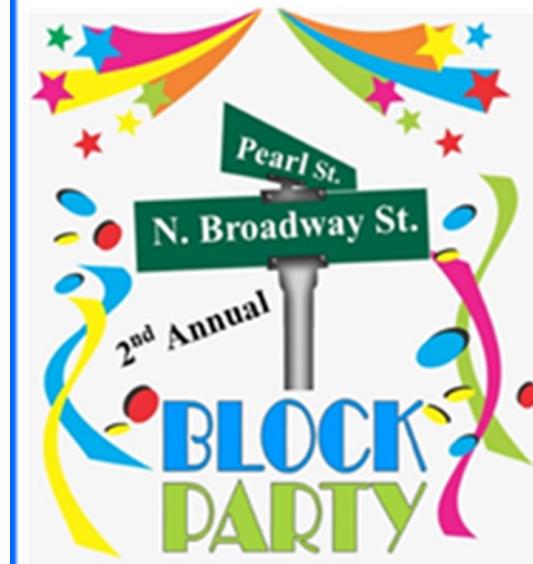
Youth Music Director - We have many talented young members of our congregation who enjoy music and would love to show their talents to the congregation. We have been searching for a person who would lead our youth choir(s) and instrumental groups. If you know of someone who would be qualified in this position, contact Barb Woodard, Personnel Director, for more information at 330-321-2408 or barbwoodard.bw@gmail.com.

Sunshine Meals Ministry - The Sunshine Committee is a group of people who volunteer to periodically make/or purchase meals and deliver them to parishioners at a time of need. If you feel called to help with this St. Matthew ministry, please contact Sue Schwab at 330-242-3397 or ohschwab@zoominternet.net.

Worship Assistants - Readers, Ushers, and Communion Assistants. Please sign up in the narthex. For any questions regarding these opportunities, please contact Sandy Andrews.

Saturday, August 27

4:00-7:00 pm



**MUSIC, D.J. BRIAN STANIS
MAGICIAN, NATE THE GREAT
FOOD TRUCK, SWINE BBQ
BOUNCE HOUSE
DUNK TANK
RAFFLE BASKETS
TEMPORARY TATTOOS
SNOW CONES
COTTON CANDY
CARNIVAL GAMES**



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



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System available.